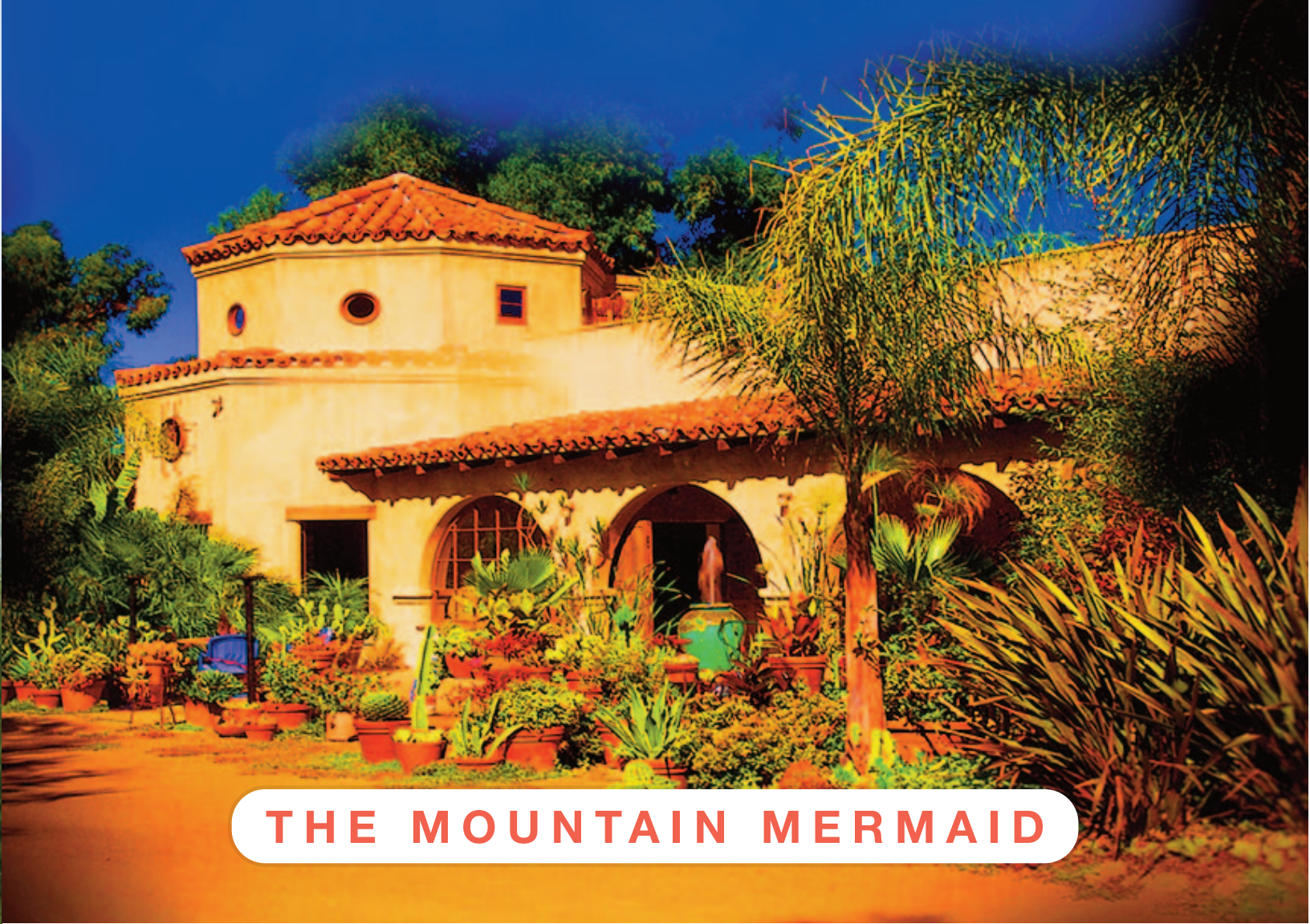


A romantic scene featuring a man in a blue suit and a woman in a white floral dress embracing on a balcony. The balcony has a decorative wrought-iron railing. A vintage-style lamp hangs from the building's exterior. The background is filled with lush tropical vegetation, including a large bird of paradise plant. The overall atmosphere is warm and intimate.

THE MOUNTAIN MERMAID

MICRO & SMALL
WEDDINGS



THE MOUNTAIN MERMAID

The Mountain Mermaid is the restored centerpiece of an intimate country club that was built in 1930 on a valley mountainside high above the crowded urban flatlands of Los Angeles. The villa sits on five acres of lush gardens and meandering pathways, The Mermaid resonates with a warm and calming energy. There is a big pool, fountains everywhere, butterflies, and birdsong. It is surrounded by the largest urban park in America, the stunning Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Beauty, nature, history, and rich ambiance are the prime amenities of this bucolic retreat. The historic Mermaid is a horticultural retreat dedicated to the celebration and preservation of our irreplaceable architectural, cultural, and natural heritage.

THE LOCATION

In the heart of Topanga Canyon

The legendary hotbed of creativity and eccentricity minutes from town, yet feels like a million miles away



THE HISTORY

A site of Historic Proportions

The Mermaid is a declared California landmark with a diverse and oft-notorious history. Past identities include: country club, youth camp, gambling house, gay club, and concert hall



- 1930 - Built as *The Sylvia Park Country Club*. Noted architect, *Charles E. Finkenbinder*.
- 1930s 40s - Youth retreat called *Rancho Topanga*
- 1940s - Gambling house and brothel operated by LA mobster, *Mickey Cohen*
- 1955 - 1972 - Reborn as a gay nightclub called *The Canyon Club*, run by former vice cop.
- 1972 - 1977 - Celebrated artist's haunt and concert house called *The Mermaid Tavern*.
- 1980's - Structurally unsound from years of neglect, nearly demolished.
- 1990 - Purchased by Topanga artist, *Bill Buerge*, and restored to its former magnificance.
- 1993 - Declared a California state and LA county *Point of Historic Interest*.
- Today - A horticultural retreat for the rejuvenation of mind, body and spirit, and the celebration and preservation of our irreplaceable architectural, cultural, and natural heritage.

GUEST COUNTS

. A **“Micro-wedding”** is less than 20 while a **“Small wedding”** has a guest-count of 21 to 50



YOUR WEDDING DAY



Suggested Timeline

You have the Mermaid for the day,
For 12 hours, from 10 am to 10 pm,
six hours to get ready, six hours for the event.

10:00 am - Make-up and hair

Take pictures during and after

11am - Caterer sets up

12:00 pm - Groom and groomsmen arrive

3:30 pm - Guests arrive, valets park their vehicles

4:00 pm - Garden ceremony

5:30 pm - Cocktail-hour around the pool

6:30 pm - Reception in the Great Room

Dinner, dancing, cake, etc

10:00 pm - Last dance

P R E F E R R E D V E N D O R S

CATERER AND PASTRY CHEF

Chef Layne Sanden - 310-433-0032

VEGAN CHEF SPECIALIST

(Can also do meat)

Meredith Klein 773-590-5835 - mer@pranaful.com

WEDDING CO-ORDINATOR

Michelle Schurmann, Flyte44 Events

818-532-7650 - 310-897-6600 - info@flyte44.com

DISC JOCKEY

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Jana Williams - jana@jana-williams.com

OFFICIENT

Rev. Carolyn and Pastor Norman Alexander, and son - 626-825-5869

Carolyn8@juno.com

HAIR AND MAKE-UP

Michelle Vanderhule - 626-429-1211

image911@pacbell.net

VALET

(We use this company exclusively)

Twin Valet - Mario Escobar

310-897-2099 - marioe@twinvalet.com

I N V E S T M E N T

The site fee is \$5,500. for up to 20 people, plus an additional \$100. per person for each additional guest, up to 50 guests.

We can provide, free of charge, the tables and chairs, plus black linens for up to 50 guests.

We have a wonderful caterer, Layne Sanden, we partner with that can provide a tasting, food, two bars all staff (manager, cook, servers, bartender), setup and breakdown, linens in your choice of colors, china, glasses, cutlery, and more, for about \$100. per person.



T H E M O U N T A I N M E R M A I D

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T H E N A T U R E

Surrounded by a quarter
million acres of native parkland

The Mermaid is a Certified Wildlife Habitat
with the National Wildlife Federation and a Certified
Monarch Waystation with Monarch Watch

THE VIBE

There is an incandescent ambience
that pervades the premises



THE BEAUTY

Color, texture, greenery, and
Rich architectural details abound



The Mermaid is a drop-dead gorgeous villa

set amidst lush gardens, with myriad water features

and an extraordinary array of

inspired fixtures, furnishings and finishes

THE GARDENS



THE PHOTO - OPS

Wedding photographers love shooting here



It has been a favorite
location of photographers and filmmakers
world-wide, for over three decades

BRIDAL ROOM



SECRET GARDEN





G R O O M ' S R O O M



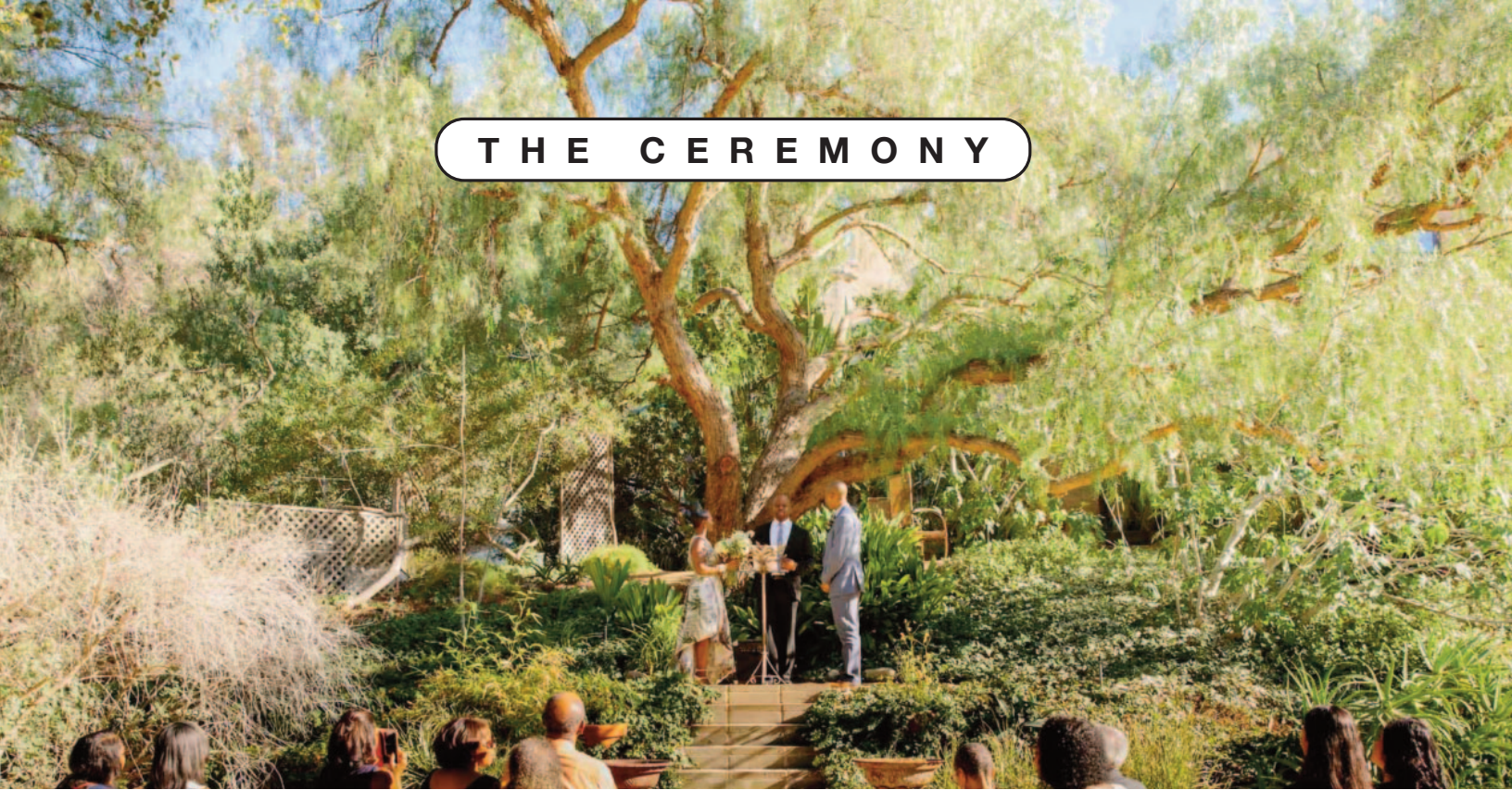
L O V E N E S T







THE CEREMONY





COCKTAIL HOUR

Guests enjoy drinks and passed Hors D' Oeuvres around the pool following the ceremony





THE GREAT ROOM

Spectacular Reception Hall

**Two stories tall, 50 feet long, 30 feet wide
majestic truss-beam ceiling
big arched windows, grand staircase
huge fireplace
and honey-colored hardwood floors**

T H E R E C E P T I O N



D I N N E R



T O A S T S A N D S P E E C H E S

FIRST DANCE

Dance on golden hardwood floors



NICHOLE AND KHALID



LOOKING FORWARD



Photos by

KLV Photography

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REVIEW

“I think this is my favorite wedding this year.”

“I can’t believe this place is located just a drive up to Topanga. It feels like we’re at the honeymoon resort in some country with a name you can’t pronounce. The raw emotion from these two is so powerful. I love that this couple really focused on family and intimacy. With a guest list of about 20, the ambiance of the Mermaid is a perfect compliment to the guests.

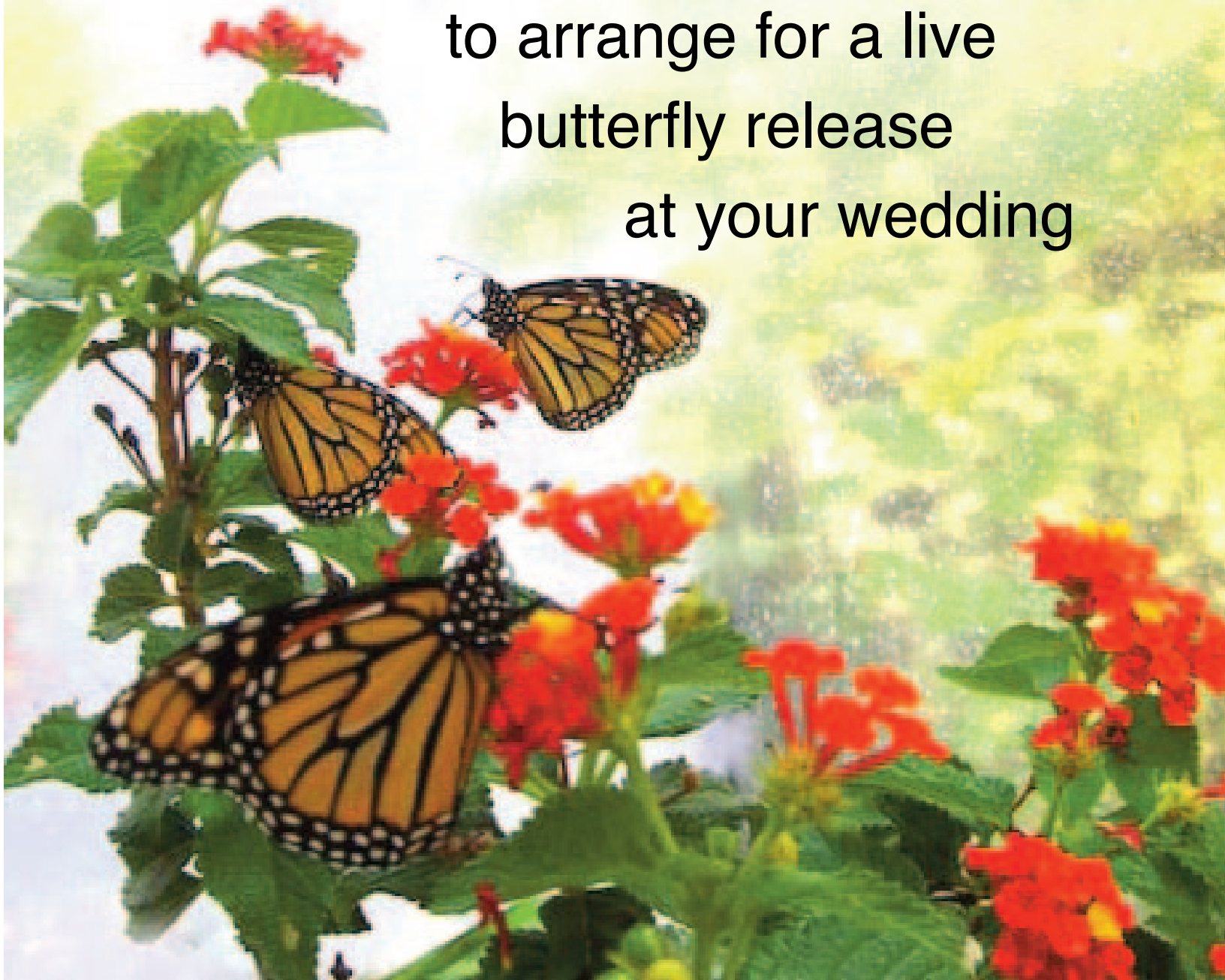
Nichole’s dress is something amazing, as well. Finally, something different and totally free for her to enjoy the moments of this day. Every detail of this place is just so relaxing too. It doesn’t feel done up, it feels like home.

This wedding should definitely inspire those brides who are looking to do something different and focus on family and a small guest list. The Mountain Mermaid keeps little crevasses and keyholes into a world that transports you into this eden of romantics.”

BUTTERFLIES

The Mermaid is also a working butterfly farm with a seasonal live-butterfly habitat

Ask about how to arrange for a live butterfly release at your wedding



THE MOUNTAIN MERMAID

S I N C E 1 9 3 0

A woman dressed as a mermaid stands in a stone archway. She has a blue and green patterned tail, a white and gold beaded necklace, and a red flower in her hair. She holds a large orange seashell above her head with both hands. The background is lush green foliage.

Experience the Magic



SINCE 1930

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